

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-19 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 2 and 19 are directed to allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 11, and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kurz (EP 0 864 293).

Claims 3, 6, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurz as applied to claim 1.

Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurz as applied to claim 7.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 15 have been amended. Claim 19 has been canceled.

The Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 19 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19.

Claim 19 has been canceled.

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 and 2.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the prior art of record.

The Claim Rejections

Claims 7, 12, 13, 14, and 15 have been each been amended to include the limitation wherein the assignment between the transmitter and the transmitter holding position is maintained during the wireless communication. This limitation is the limitation set forth in claim 19. In light of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 12, 13, 14, and 15 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Claims 3-6 and 16 ultimately depend from claim 1. Claims 8, 9, 17 and 18 ultimately depend from claim 7. Claim 11 depends from claim 12. It is respectfully submitted that these

claims are patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons set forth above in connection with the claims from which they depend.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 11-18 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (440) 483-4281 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

If any fees are due in connection with this Amendment C, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for such fees is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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